man and speakers had chairs to the

session opened at 7.10 o'clock with a praise and devotional service ed by Rev. G. L. Aldrich, of the Grace Reformed Episcopal church, Wyoming avenue. Chairman Roads, after calling on the choir for a song, announced Cap-tain W. A. May, president of the board of trade, who delivered the address of welcome. Captain May said:

CAPTAIN MAY'S ADDRESS. Fellow Christians: I am glad to look into your eyes tonight, to forget for a while the turmoil and whirl of work, to get, in, touch with soults animated by other and nobler things. I am glad to

COMING TO DO GOOD.

You are coming here to do us could be cause we shall feel your enthursaria, shall see your desire for the promotion of that spirit of our Master which fo cats self; and, catching your earnestness a lenthusiasm we also shall forget the everlasting strife for position, for advancement, for only the temporal things of life, and will turn towards those things which mean much more, give us much better existence here and give us immortality after we are gone. Absorbed in business we at last think too much of self, we magnify the huck, the exterior, the individual, and forget the everlasting, the universal. The individual really amounts to nothing, Among millions what do the sufferings, the triumphs, the persecutions, the elevations of one amount to, so far as the mass is concerned? He is but one, and in the ages upon ages of men and women one is nothing if wrapped up in himself, it is only when he goes outside of himself, is animated by a spirit foreign to self, is willing to suffer, to live and to die for some great purpose that he rises above nothing ness and becomes great. If by any act he can in the slightest degree affect the final result in the bettering of the world for Christ's sake he becomes a moving power, and it was well that he lived, "I count my sufferings as nothing if by that means I may at least save one." was the lofty ideal of the great Saint Prut; and in that ideal was his greatness. Without that his toils, his sufferings and trials would have been simply the same as the toils and sufferings and trials of thousands and thousands of others; but with that in view he became a power to lift men up, to spread the doctrines of Christ I believe you have come it to our city, to help better us the

orld forever. In the spirit of Christ I believe you have In the spirit of Christ I believe you have come to our city, to help better us, the state and yourself—not for what money you could make, what social position you could win, that political preferment might be yours, but because you might do some good and help some one else. I therefore welcome you as mea impelled by lifty motives, void of all selfishness, filled with love and Christlikeness, which it is a relief to see, which fills one with hope and joy and content and chases away the fears we have had, as the clouds fly away before the morning sun.

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MR. ROADS' RESPONSE. Chairman Roads, who made the re sponse, prefaced his remarks with a reference to the empty seats, which he

reference to the empty seats, which he said bespoke hard times and not any lack of interest in the convention on the part of the Endeavorers. He spoke as follows:

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I am glad that in responding to Scranton's welcome in genuine Christian fellow-sifip to the hosts of Pennsylvania Christian Endeavorers I am able to do so from my large acquaintance with your delighted guests. I have seen these workers in their own churches, Some of them in small numbers in scattered country communities meeting under great difficulties munities meeting under great difficulties of distance and weather, as well as others in the town and city societies where other obstacles are equally great, but the socie-ties larger and blessed by the fellowship of great unions. of great unions.
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Pennsylvania Endeavorers have a backbone for righteousness like their own Alleghanles; they have the fruitfulness in all spiritual graces of their unrivaled farms and gardens; they are true as the steel so abundantly produced from her mines; and warm in sincere affection as the anthracite fire in her furnaces. From a careful observation of Christian Endeavor fields in other states I believe with all confidence that we have in Pennsylvania the most fertile field for Christian Endeavor extension and perfecting to be found in the whole country. We have only fairly begun to cultivate it. Our four thousand societies may be doubled and every society become filled with missionary, Christian citizenship, and evangelistic enthusiasm. I have made a very careful survey by the United States ensus of the church in 1899 of the number of churches accessible to us in the state and am fully within the truth in what I have said. In addition to the number now in existence the increase of churches by new organizations and new buildings is from three to five hundred annually.

Continuing, therefore, our present enthusiastic effort, without a paid organizer in the field and without entering a single church uninvited, we can easily exceed one thousand new societies for years to come.

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The religious character of Pennsylvania is favorable to Christian Endeavor. The Scotch Presbyterian is everywhere, though most numerous about Pittsburg, the Baptists and Methodists are large factors, and with the Evangelical church and the United Brethren in the fertile farming regions and in the large towns and cities, and the Friends in the East, the Lutherans and Reformed next, and an influential sprinkling of Moravians. Church of God, and Reformed Episcopalians, we have as the result a well-rounded and carnest general Christian character. Here is a larger land of steady habits, where the mountains are picturesque as in Switzerland and produce the same argertle as gardens producing intelligence and home-loving, a state whose people are a microcosm of the best of all lands and races. The Pennsylvania German is no less enthusiasm, where the farms are fertile as gardens producing intelligence and home-loving, a state whose people are a microcosm of the best of all lands and races. The Pennsylvania German is no less enthusiastic for Christian Endeavor than his Irish brother or English-speaking neighbor; indeed, some of our best societies and most aggressive county unions are in Berks and Lancaster counties. While York carries her laurels for surpassing everything in organizing new societies, and for storming the state before the convention and warming every heart of the multitudes attracted now.

Our state is unsurpassed in comfortable homes and in her innumerable benevolences. We boast less but do more than hustling Illinois or proud New York. I think it is time to talk up Pennsylvania. William Penn started us right, Hen Franklin taught us most uncommon good sense, and Christian Endeavor is stirring us up for the best of Christian living. Talk up Pennsylvania! To cultivate that self-respect which will arouse to still fuller development of our grand opportunity for Christ and the church. All Pennsylvania for Christ from the quiet congregation in the lonely farm val

alty to their own pastor and church will prove irresistibly the value of our society. What a joy to find so many such societies in every little trip! Our great increase would have been impossible without them and these societies themselves must be accounted our mightlest force for Christ and the church.

TWELVE LOCAL UNIONS.

We have twelve cities in our state of over 25,000 people each, and local unions in all of them. Philadelphia and Pittsburg lead by great numbers, but are not ahead of many others for enthusiasm and efficient work. County unions exist in over sixty counties and everywhere do remarkable work. Their conventions are really great meetings of surprising wealth of local workers and leaders.

Our state departments, of which you will hear more fully from their able and consecrated superintendents, were all organized this year. The superintendent of Junior work has given herself unwearledly to the work. Junior organization is being perfected in our city unions, and there will soon be among us a wonderful army of Christian children, a thousand companies strong.

The Department of Good Citizenship was

while the turmoil and whirl of work, to get, in, touch with soults animated by other and nobler things. I am glad to welcome you to our city, a city we consider the best place in the stances. There are not not come to the stances, and the configuration of the least place in the stances. There are horse to protect the stance in the stances. There were many though and or seem to protect themselves, that special officers be chosen because you were coming. In fact, there were many things we did not have to do, which, in a sense, might reflect upon the character of our guests, because we knew you were coming. All we had to do was to welcome you without a reservation, knowing well that you were here only for your good and the advancement to the best of this city and vicinity with all men; there is a pessimistic cast, iff you please, on the face of the country. I was in a lawyer's office the other day, and, talking over certain occurrences, he said "the world is getting worse;" and looking at it from our standpoint—from the standpoint of strife for self, for a gain of position and wealth and the advancement of meterial interests—it did seem that everything was wrong; but when I come here and see the reflecting or for a gain of position and wealth and the advancement of meterial interests—it did seem that everything was wrong; but when I come here and see the reflecting forms; and point of strife for self, for a gain of position and wealth and the advancement of meterial interests—it did seem that everything was wrong; but when I come here and see the reflecting forms; and position of the server of the server of the server of the server of the country. I was in a lawyer's office the other day, and, lalking over certain occurrences, he said "the world is getting worse;" and looking at it from our standpoint—from the standpoint of strife for self, for a gain of position and wealth and the advancement of meterial interests—it did seem that everything was wrong; but when I come here and see the reflection to the server of

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From my post of observation of the actual workings of Christian Endeavor over the state, with all its varied populations and denominations, in city, town, or country village, I believe that Christian Endeavor is the best society for every denomination and for every church. Exclusively denominational societies do good but the Christian Endeavor still more even to the local church and denomination, and a work in general which to the others is impossible. A good thing so often stands in the way of a better or the best. "The good is the enemy of the best," is a profound German proverb widely illustrated by these sectarian societies which so unaccountably and blindly reject the Christian Endeavor.

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Our society commits its leadership expressly into the hands of Christ. We
promise Him that we will do whatever He
would have us do, and most wonderfully
He has accepted this leadership. We say
it reverently that this part of our pledge
elects Christ the President of every local
society, Chairman of its lookout, prayer
meeting, social and every other committee. It puts Him at the head of this great
convention, and of the whole movement.
He has marvelously led us. From the
Alpha, which was the little society in
Maine, up the glorious steps of progress.
The A, B, C of the Christian life is: A,
asking of God; B, believing in Christ; C,
confessing Him. From these Christ leads
to D—doing all we can for Him and the
church, is itself of inspiring significance.
Take it in historic setting into recent Take it in historic setting into recent Christian work. It re-united Christ-like enthusiasm and aggressive evangelism with the church. Brings these back into the church. For, strange as it is, it is a fact that for a long time the best Gospel work was done outside the organized church.

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methods of work, and its pure and Christlike spirit. What all of this fully signify
to the advance of Christ's kingdom who
can describe? You will hear more fully
during this convention.

We accept, therefore, your gracious and
hearty welcome to Scranton. We are glad
to come into fellowship with a people so
eminently public-spirited. We believe
your homes will be blessed by entertaining
these messengers of God, angels! but
every human in flesh and bones, full of
life and fun, while deeply carnest in God's
service. We are sure your churches will
be helped. We all look forward to that
Divine welcome when the King and Judge
upon the great white throne shall receive
all His own who from overy quarter of the
whole earth shall be brought before Him.
Then shall all the young people sing once
more as they do in great conventions.
Bringing in the sheaves

Bringing in the sheaves We shall come rejoicing; Bringing in the sheaves!

"The Irrepressible Raymore" was the way the chairman characterized the state treasurer when he arrived to read his report. When Mr. Raymore re-ferred to the balance in hand and said he had in his pocket, someone in the rear of the house asked, "Silver or gold?" "Gold," he replied with emphasis, and there was a general burst of applause and laughter. Rev. H. T. Spangler, D. D., the learn-

Rev. H. T. Spangier, D. D., the learned and eloquent president of the Reformed Church college at Collegeville, Pa., delivered the address of the evening. His theme was "The Presence of Christ in the Convention." He said:

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The mystery of Christ's divine-human personality is incomprehensible. We know that He is very man, for He lived among men and focused the world's history in His own career, We know that He is very God, for He continues to manifest Himself as a personal, subduing, transfiguring power both in His church and the life of the world.

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power both in His church and the life of the world.

With respect to His human nature He is no more on earth, for in the sight of His disciples He was taken up from the earth into heaven and continues there for our interest until He shall come again to judge the quick and the dead, "While they beheld He was taken up." (Acts, i. 9.) He went into the presence of His Father, there to plead our cause, there to prepare a place for us, there to sit upon the thome of God's power to govern all things. Before His departure, however, He gave to His disciples the majestic promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt., xxviii, 29). He vanished from their sight only as to His body. He Himself remains. He is with us, "not as a mere celestial Statute, not as a mere Idea or Abstraction," but as a Real Presence. The I am whose presence was announced to Moses by the Burning Bush, the Christ to whom at His resurrection was given all authority in heaven and on earth, is still in the world.

"He was with the Eleven and the more than five hundred. He was with the Christians of Rome and Corinth and Galatia and Ephesus and Phillippi and Colosse and Thessalonica and the seven churches of Asia Minor. He was with the Church of the Catacombs and with the Waldenses and the Reformers and the Puritans and the Seven churches of Asia Minor. He was with the Church of the Catacombs and Wellnore and San Francisco and Philadelphia. He is with you. O Christians of the shop and the mart and the school and the shop and the shadow of death. Every human being who follows the Lamb of God, We Him going about to do good, converting sinners from the error of their ways, building up the body of Christ, fulfilling his own vocation as an apostle or missionary sent from God; every Christian, however weak or obscure or young, belongs to the true apostole succession," and is an heir to this promise.

"Both theirs and ours Thou art, As we and they are Thine;

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"Both theirs and ours Thou art,
 As we and they are Thine;
Kings, Prophets, Patriarchs, all have part
 Along the sacred line."
 Under the shadow of the majestic truth
 of Christ's ever living presence among His
 people the Christian Endeavorers of Penn sylvania have been gathered in the bauti ful city of Scranton. With the inspiration
 of that Presence we may be filled. This
 convention may be made to us a very
 Mount of Transfiguration, and although
 we may not build for ourselves taberna cles to dwell here we may receive power
 from that Presence to fulfill the majestic
 commission of witnessing unto Him in
 our churches and cities and communities.
 Let us give the opening hour of the con vention to the contemplation of the sub lime fact that although with respect to
 His human nature Christ is no more on

earth (John xvi, 28), with respect to His Godhead, majesty, grace and Spirit He is at no time absent from us.

1. This constant presence of the Christ in the world rests, in the first place, on His relation to the world in virtue of His Godhead. The pregnant statement of the Apostle John is "All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made" (John, i. 2). Christ the Omnipofent One is our helper and friend. In Him we trust and on His power we rely. We are overshadowed by His almighty presence, whereby, as it were by His hand, He upholds and governs heaven, earth and all creatures.

The kingdom of nature, as well as the kingdom of men, is under His control and direction. He exercises an Omniscient, all-wise, and benevolent control over the world which is beyond and above the laws of nature. There is a divine purpose as well as a unity in physical nature and in the history of mankind. Socrates discerned that purpose when he considered the reasonable arrangement of the world as a whole and was led to the notion of One Supreme. The world's development is not that of an abstract idea of the bilind working of impersonnal laws. The whole universe is the expression of the will of our God and is governed by that will, God is not a mere idea shining out upon the world. Man is taken up in His purposes.



REV. H. T. SPANGLER, D. D., of Collegeville.

and all its oddies and retrogressions, is but the progress of the divine purpose.

It is the immanence of God in nature and in history that gives stability to the world and hope to the race. In "the wreck of matter and the crash of worlds" man would sink into hopeless despair without the evidence and confidence of God's soverignty in nature. The tangled skein of human history makes progress in unraveling itself, only under the guiding hand of the God of nations.

MAN IS INSENSIBLE.

REAL AS SUNSHINE.

The doctrine of the almighty ever-living presence of Christ by the Spirit is as indisputable as the doctrine of Christ Himself. The fact is as real as the sunshine, as beneficient as the air. In Him we live and move and have our being as Christians.

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The only question is as to how we may receive the power of the Holy Chost. The sift we have. The promise to the disciples was, "ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

The promise was fulfilled to them and the power was manifest. The only exercise in which they engaged, if we may so speak of it, was that "they all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women—and with His brothren" (Acts. 14).

A paster in his visitation is said to have inquired, after calling a family together for worshin, whether all of the house and were present. He was informed they were, but felt prompted to repeat the inquiry, when he was informed that all were there except a servant who had not sufficient intelligence to join in the service. He insisted on her being called. After prayer he requested her, until he should come again, to pray every hight this prayer, "Lord, show me myself." On his return he saw by her countenance that the prayer was answered. Then he told her to pray. "Lord, show me face.

Oh, let each one of us go into the innermost chamber of his heart and shut to the door and pray these two wee prayers, "Lord, show me myself." "Lord, show me Thyself!" and there shall come down from heaven showers of blessing which there will not be room to contain.

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Secretary McDonald arrived in due time and was introduced as the best state secretary in the union. During the reading of his report he was frequently applauded. The wait for President McCrory was filled in with a song by Mr. and Mrs. Lowe. President McCrory gave his address as the final event of the evening, and then dismissed the gathering with berediction. He and all the other speakers were given the Chautauqua salute.

The programme was liberally inter-

spersed with singing by the choir, which was of a character to draw forth unstinted encomiums from all who

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

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RESULT OF BAPTISM.

Second—The second practical result of the baptism of the Spirit and an element essential to efficiency in the Master's service and an ingredient, moreover, in moral carnestness, is the experience of the biassedness of salvation. There must be in the heart of the one who would efficiently testify for Christ before men an abiding sense of the blessedness of salvation. This must be the normal experience of his spiritual life and not the experience of some supreme moment of spiritual estacy. One must know what it is to have salvation as a "well of water springing up unto, eternal life" within his own soul before he can offer the water of life to any poor sinful Samaritan in a way that will elicit the earnest, yearning cry, "Sir, give me this water." You may tell me if you want to that the Christian is not to depend on feeling or emotion, and I will agree me this water." You may tell me if you want to that the Christian is not to depend on feeling or emotion, and I will agree with you, but I will tell you, also, that when one is baptized by the Holy Spirit he will speak with an unction, an earnestness and sensibility that is difficult to counterfeit and that cannot be dispensed with in efficient witness bearing for Jesus Christ. Yes, and not only will the joy of salvation be manifest in the speech, but, also, in the countenance, the hand grasp and in the whole attitude of its possessor toward his fellowmen. To be morally earnest and to witness efficiently for Jesus Christ It may not be necessary that one have a part in some glorious pentecost where he has heard as it were the sound as of a rushing, mighty wind and has felt the touch of lambent tongues of fire upon his consecrated brow, but it is necessary that he possess an abiding sense of the blessechess of salvation; and this attainment is to be made through the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Third—The third thing that I mention as a tangible result of the baptism of the Spirit and an element in moral earnestness is the experience of the sympathy and compassion of redemption. The world is dying for sympathy. If there is one thing we Christians need more than another it is the spirit and an element in degraded. It is not pity, it is sympathy and compassion the poor and degraded are sighing for.

for the fallen and sinful and degraded. It is not pity, it is sympathy and compassion the poor and degraded are sighing for. That explains the wonderful power Jesus exercised over all classes in his day; His sympathetic heart took in their sorrow and needs as its own and He loved them with a fervent, heavenly compassion and they turned to him as flowers to the sun, for they wanted such love. That kind of sympathy and compassion do not spring up spontaneously in the human heart. Such sentiments belong to the new heart. In the new heart they need to be developed. Nothing short of the mighty baptism of the Holy Spirit will fill the soul with true, Christlike, compassion. Take the average Christlan. If some box

friend is in distress, has a child sick unto death or stands weeping at the grave of buried love, the average Christian suffers with him, but the grate of the stranger does not touch a chord in his bosom. But that was not the way with Jesus. His heart was quick to respond to the sorrow of the stranger, His compassion went out toward the failen and the needy everywhere.

SYMPATHY OF THE GOSPEL.

"The future, all to us unknown,"
"We to thy Guardian care commit?"
"And peaceful leave before thy feet."

When we last gathered in the city of Erie, our enrollment showed two senior, five mothers, 2.773 young people's, one intermediate and 834 junior societies, a total of 2.625. Tonight it is with great pleasure that I report the enrollment of six senior, seven mothers, 2.881 young people's, three intermediate and 1.629 junior societies, making a total of 4.529, with a combined membership of 208,463, in which the juniors ary credited with 89.917. This you will notice is a net increase of 374 societies, or an average of a little over one new society for each day of the calendar year. Ten societies have been reported to me as disbanded during the year, and seventeen have changed to denominational names, and have withdrawn from the Christian Endeavor fellowship.

The general plan of organization adopted almost at the birth of our State union, has been adhered to with slight modifications during the entire ten years, and I am free to confess that it has had much to do with making our state one of the best, if not the less torganized state in the Union. Our policy has always been to organiza a county union in each county as soon as this could be done, thus bringing into the field a larger number of workers. We now have forty-six county union, leaving only eight counties in the state yet to be provided with a county organization. In addition to this there are in existence seventy local unions throughout he state, all of which through the earnest efforts of the officers and members are doing much for the success of the fature.

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Creat interest is always taken in the county enrollment. Philadelphia, the "Gibraltar" of Christian Endeavor, has credit with fell societies. Allegheny county has 337, York 135, Luzerne III, Chester 164, Montgomery 161, Daluphin 29, Lancaster 34, Blair 29, Delaware 21, Armstrong 89, Northampton 89, Bradford 88, Sehuyikill 82, Westmoreland 83, Lycoming 75, Fayette 75, Lackawanna 75, Washington 71, Erie 68, Cumberland 65, Jefferson 62, Franklin 69, Berks 28, Northamberland 58, Indiana 35, Susquehanna 55, Bucks 54, Cambria 22, Butler 51, Clearfield 59, Chester 48, Tloga 88, Huntingdon 48, Mercer 48, Clarion 42, Perry 42, Wayne 41, Union 39, Adams 38, Crawford 37, Lawrance 35, Benver 35, Lehigh 35, Columbia 33, Lebanon, 22, Clinton 2, Mifflin 28, Juniata 27, Venango 27, Bedford 22, Carbon 23, Greene 23, Warren 22, Sayder 21, McKean 20, Somerset 19, Potter 15, Pike 14, Wyoming 12, Monroe 13, Montour 13, Elk 10, Forest 8, Sullivan 8, Cameron 2, and Pulton 2.

Fulton county has doubled her membership of last year, and we have just been able 16 secure a district sergiaxy for this PHILADELPHIA THE GIBRALTAR.

county, who promises more for the coming year. The growth during the pst year has not been in spots, but has been gradual all over the state, which is very gratifying indeed, in view of the almost complete organization of our state.

Our fellowship has also been broadening and extending, and all, the Evangelical denominations are now represented in our union. As our state has a large number of Presbyterian churches, the Presbyterians naturally lead with 1,206 societies, the Lutherans are still second with 46, and the Baptists are third with 468. The United Evangelical and Evangelical have 288, Methodist Episcopal 29, Reformed 222, Christian and Disciple 135, Methodist Protestant is, United Frethren 25, A. M. E. and A. M. E. Zion 33, United Presbyterian 74 Congregational 71, Church of God 68, Cumberland Presbyterian 55, Moravian 22, Reformed Episcopal 21, Reformed Presbyterian 15, Primitive Methodist 19, Protestant Episcopal 8, Memonnite 6, Free Will Baptist 5, Progressive Brethren 4, Datch Reformed 2, Wesleyan Methodist 1, and Friends 1, We also have 15 societies in prisons and reformatory homes, one in the Sunday Breakfast association of Philadelphia, two in institutions for the blind, one among the Chinese, one among the members of the National guard, one among the seamen, and one composed of the employes of the Westinghouse Electric company, this latter society having been organized during the year.

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Notwithstanding the prevailing hard times, the reports for the past year show 39,831,79 contributed to missions, and 85,825,29 to other benevolent objects. It should be remembered that all contributions to missions from the Christian Endeavor societies are sent through the demoninational boards, and are generally in addition to their other contributions through the churches of which they are members.

I am also glad to report to you that 2,875 of our associate members have become active members during the year, having become professed followers of our blessed Master. Oh! that during the coming year we could increase this number to one for each individual member of our union, Let us work more earnestly than ever before for the accomplishment of this purpose.

This report would not be complete without mentioning the earnest work of our corps of district secretaries. They have been the pioneers in the county work, and while in some instances it has been found wise to relieve them of some of the duties heretofore assigned them, we are greatly indebted to them for the service they have given, and I wish to record in no uncertain sound our appreciation of their earnest, consecrated efforts during the past year.

During the year the publication of our state executive committee the name has been changed to "Keystone Endeavor-er." The paper has been greatly improved and enlarged, and we confidently believe it to be the best state paper now being published. We would strongly urgs that each society subscribe for at least one copy, having the same sent to their president or corresponding secretary, and have official communications, and monthly letters from the state officers read to the societies. Our union is now so large that it is impossible for us to communicate with the individual societies more than two or three times a year, but if the plan suggested would be adopted by our societies we would that in my judgment the work in our state has never been in better co

Like the secretary's report, that of Treasurer Raymore showed a balance in his hands and was highly encourag-ing. The report follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dear Fellow Endeavorers: Once more the hand on the dial of our annual convention clock points to the hour for the report of your state treasurer.

Not in years have our finances been in such good condition. Almost three hundred more societies have contributed cheerfully their part towards defraying our yearly expenses.

Last year complaint was made that the matter of assisting the State union in its work was not even fairly brought before the different societies of our state, but



STATE SECRETARY GEO. M'DONALD of Altoona.

this year we come together without any complaints to offer, but congratulations to all, and praises for the much scolded and abused corresponding secretaries.

Girls and boys, young men and maidens, old women and bald-headed men, who form the army of corresponding secretaries, take courage, for it is to you our praises are due this year for the condition of our treasury; for you have provided a tariff not for revenue only, but a protective tariff, which allows me today to report a goodly balance of cash in bank.

There is nothing like training. Jereniah says "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth." Therefore, Endeavorers, while we are young, let us learn to give to God's purposes cheerfully and willingly such as we can spare of our earnings, and begin to bear the yoke of giving of it may be termed a yoke) early in life. I remember hearing a story of a very well-meaning brother in Israel, who said he thanked God he had been a Christian for forty years, and it hadn't cost him a cent. I can say unhesitatingly he was no Christian Endeavorer, and I am sure we do not want that kind of material in our organization.

Experts in any department do not become such by accidents nor by a combination of fortunate circumstances, but as the result of earnest endeavor to attain the highest degree of perfection, Every society in this state that begins the training of giving is on the sure road to success and Christian attainment. This is God's hour for your opportunity—do your nearest duty. The possibilities of the convention are yours, afforded by your yearly contributions. The question is often asked me by correspondents, "What do you neared muy. The possibilities of the convention are yours, afforded by your yearly contributions. The question is often asked me by correspondents, what do you nearest adury. The possibilities of the convention has not up to date had the presumption to ask them to pay their own expenses. Neither will, printers print circulars for us for nothing, but your state union has not up t this year we come together without any

we are, to carry our mail as official matte free of expense

A PERSONAL FAVOR.

Delegates, I will consider it a personal favor if you will please explain this item in my report to your society on your return. Your faithful performance of this will enable me to retain the limited crop of hair I now possess, should I hold the office of treasurer another year.

We started this year with nothing in the treasury.

Total receipts 31,517 93
The expenditures have been as follows:
Eric convention 2214 43
Keystone Byraid 13 72
United Society of Christian Endeavor for supplies 1287
Charter membership for Rev. J. F.
Cowan, D. D., World's C. E. Union 100
Treasurer's expenses for postage, etc. 42 64
Cost of executive committee meetIng. Altoona, December, 27, 1806. 13 50

Missionary extension 8 52
Pennsylvania State buttons 70 00
President's expenses 5 50
Secretary's expenses in connection with international convention 40 00
Beveille Publishing Co 6 41
Transportation agent, J. H., Stauff. 15 70
Secretary's expenses, postage, circulars, cierical work, etc 250 00
Printing and stationary 252 00
Junior superintendent 42 00
Total 8888 59



STATE TREASURER H. J. RAYMORE,

Treasurers and corresponding secretaries, when you send the State union an annual offering of your society, pray God that it may be influential in bringing our beloved state into closer communion with Him; that our conventions may be stepping stones to the kingdom of heaven, and the fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel, which Peter so briefly, concisely and powerfully expresses: "This Jesus—being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed for this, which ye now see and hear."

NOON-DAY SERVICES.

A phase of convention work that has always attracted public notice has been the noon evangelistic meetings for work people. They will be held today and tomorrow at many of the large factories and shops and will be in charge of certain delegations which have already been given their as-

signments.
This evangelistic work is under the supervision of a state department of which Rev. Dr. Charles Roads, of Philadelphia, and Rev. C. A. Oliver, of York, are the superintendents. In arranging, for the Scranton meetings they have been assisted by Rev. W. G. Watkins and Thomas Bell, chairman of the local evangelistic committees.

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The places of meeting and those who will be in charge are as follows:

Delaware, Lackawanna and Western

belaware, Lackawanna and Western shops, conducted by a Pittsburg delegation led by J. Howard Greig.

Lace Curtain Factory, a Philadelphia company, led by Miss Du Val.

Scranton Stove Works, a delegation led by S. S. Hoover, of Upper Lehigh.

The Axle Works, conducted by a Schuylkill and Lebanon delegation under the leadership of C. B. Silecton and der the leadership of C. B. Silegman and Finch Manufacturing company works, a Philadelphia company, led by

meeting at the county jail.

At the Pine Brook carpenter shop, W. J. Coffee and George H. Birnie with a company will have charge.

The Sunday Breakfast association, of Philadelphia, led by their president, L. U. Bean, will hold service at Providence square, Providence, at 7 o'clock.

At Dickson City an open air or chapel meeting at 8 o'clock.
At 9 a. m. William's college will have a song service by ten Allentown com-pany led by Miss Laura Runk.

A Honesdale delegation, headed by John T. Ball, will hold a meeting at the car wheel shops.

A meeting will be held at the Moses
Taylor hospital and also at the Luckawanna hespital by a Northumberland

nd Snyder company, led by Frank E. Welch. At the Dunmore shops of the Erie and Wyoming railroad shops.

Companies will be provided for the following places this morning: West Ridge blacksmith shop. Iron Fence

At 5.20 o'clock a service will be held the Delaware and Hudson repair 4 p. m. at the Mt. Pleasant breaker.

CONVENTION NOTES.

Treasurer Raymore's office will be located at the Frothingham theatre, beginning this morning. Secretary McDonald will meet dis-

trict secretaries in Elm Park church after the adjournment of this morning's session. The "postoffice" at the committee of '96 headquarters is in charge of Miss Mary McCulloch, who is assisted by Miss Mame Brown. Both are of the Grace Reformed church society. At the "postoffice" will be delivered all the convention mail not otherwise ad-

onvention mail not otherwise addressed. Friday's excursion to Farview will doubtless be attended by a large num-ber, especially because many delegates will want to taste a day of pleasure after the rigors of the convention proper and its sessions. The roundtrip fare will be seventy-five cents. The train schedule and other particulars will appear in this department of to-

merrow's Tribune. The nominating committee selected by the general executive committee will report Thursday morning. It is prob-able that the present secretary, treasurer and most of the department super-intendents and vice-presidents will be re-elected. Rev. Dr. McCrory has served the unwritten limit of two years as president. His successor has not been agreed upon by the executive committee members.

The carriage excursion for the par-ticular accommodation of visiting dele-gates will go over Elmhurst boulevard this afternoon, the carriages leaving the Young Men's Christian association building on Wyoming avenue as soon after 3.30 o'clock as is found possible. The fee will be 50 cents for each per-son, the proceeds to be applied to genson, the process to be applied to general convention expenses. Persons who will lean their turnouts should notify J. W. Browning, of 414 Spruce street, chairman of the finance committee. Among those whose horses and carriages have been loaned are: J. M. riages have been loaned are: J. M. Kemmerer, ex-Lieutenant-Governor L. A. Watres, Dr. J. L. Wentz, J. L. Stelle, L. T. Payne, James Archbald, Luther Keller, I. F. Megargel, E. P. Kingsbury, R. G. Brooks, J. J. Jermyn, J. L. Crawford, J. R. Davis, J. H. Fellows, William Connell, Henry Belin, jr., B. S. Lewis, W. F. Hallstead, Mrs. Ira Tripp, C. S. Weston, W. H. Gearhart, J. A. Linen, Dr. B. H. Throop, A. D. Stelle, William McClave, C. D. Jones, W. H. Richmond, W. L. Clemons, F. H. Clemons, Conrad Schroeder, L. M. Gates. ons, Conrad Schroeder, L. M. Gates, Colonel U. G. Schoonmaker, J. H. Phelps, Colonel H. M. Boies, T. H. Watkins.